

SeaLink's newest custom designed vessel, the Coolgaree Cat, has landed in Townsville after travelling about 700 nautical miles from Brisbane over the past few weeks.

The vessel represents a culmination of efforts from the designer, Incat Crowther, to the Queensland ship builder Aluminium Marine, and SeaLink Travel Group, and features artwork by local artist Susan Pryor.

A Sealink spokesperson said the Coolgaree Cat was a 32-metre long, purpose-designed and built vessel especially for Palm Island.

"We're pleased to have successfully completed the sea trials of SeaLink Travel Group's newest vessel, the Coolgaree Cat and can report that the vessel has been safely delivered to our Townsville terminal," they said.

"We will now be conducting crew training and safety inductions, so we can get the vessel into service as soon as possible.

"We look forward to unveiling the story of the artwork, commissioned with local indigenous artist, Susan Pryor, when we formally launch the vessel in the coming weeks and celebrate the maiden voyage to Palm Island."

The vessel is named after the main bay of Palm Island.

It can carry more than 300 people and is valued at just over \$7 million.

Could you be the Covid Champion Palm Island is looking for???

Joyce Palmer Health Service

Keeping safe from Covid-19 means taking action at community level so the Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre (PIPHCC) is looking for nominations for community-based COVID Safe Champions to help.

Community Health Care Centre Indigenous Liaison Officer Jennifer Ketchell said having up-to-date information was one of the most important criteria.

"We are looking for business and community nominations for to take up roles of 'Palm Island Covid Safe Champions,'" she said. "They will be asked to distribute accurate information regarding Covid Safe strategies

to the community by engaging individuals and families.

"We will be asking them to collect feedback on barriers to following Covid Safe strategies and from there we will be able to strengthen our messaging, hopefully making it easier for everyone to implement those strategies and stay safe."

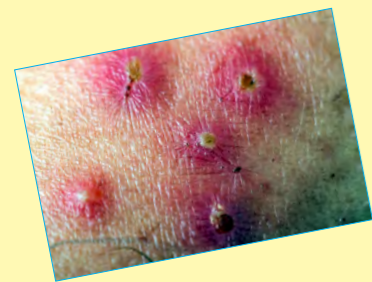
She said a training workshop of up to two-three hours would

be provided by Townsville Public Health Unit and local staff, as would the latest poster, brochures and other resources.

"A Palm Island Covid Safe Champion will meet with us regularly for updates and to provide feedback," she said.

"We will expect them to integrate Covid Safe advocacy and support into their day-to-day activities."

Please contact Jennifer Ketchell at Jennifer.Ketchell@health.qld.gov.au or phone 0429 899 328 to register your interest.



IMPETIGO (School Sores)



There are currently a lot of impetigo cases occurring at our schools.

Impetigo is a skin infection that spreads very easily from person to person, especially in a crowded house or at school, where children play together.

It needs to be treated or it can cause problems with the heart (Acute Rheumatic Fever) or kidneys (Nephritis).

To stop the spread of the disease Queensland Health is

offering treatment to children at school and to you and other family members at the Joyce Palmer Health Service.

The only good way to get rid of this germ is with Penicillin. Penicillin needles kill the germ.

Please help us protect your child and all the other children on Palm Island by agreeing for your child to be checked and treated.

We need your permission to treat your child.

You can help avoid Impetigo by caring for your child's skin by:

- Washing hands regularly;
- Bath or shower with warm water and soap every day;
- Check your kids for sores;
- Show any sores to a doctor or health staff;
- Keep fingernails short to stop scratching;
- Clean sores with antiseptic (such as Dettol) and cover with a bandaid; and,
- Washing clothes and bedding regularly.

For enquiries about Impetigo (School Sores) please contact the Joyce Palmer Health Service on 4752 5100. Authorised by the Tropical Public Health Unit.



Back to the Bush funds welcome

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam welcomed 'Back to the Bush' funding announced by Federal Member for Herbert Philip Thompson late last month.

"I've long said we have to fix these issues together," Mayor Sam said.

"Government, Council and community, and I've advocated for this very type of program.

"It's up to us now.

"Programs such as this help to divert kids from making poor choices and Council fully supports these goals."

Mr Thompson said it had been "great" to visit the Island to make the announcement.



Federal MP Philip Thompson with Cr Deniece Geia

The funding is for \$405,000 over two years.

Was this YOU in the front row 20 years ago?!



Twenty years ago this month, promoter Kieran Moran and the Palm Island Community Council staged the Palm Island Spring Festival, the largest Indigenous festival/concert on the east coast still to this day.

The festival went over three days with over 30 artists including the great and late Jimmy Little and George Burarrwanga (Warumpi Band), Coloured Stone, NoKTuRNL, Shakaya and many more including local bands from around the country.

It was broadcast live by two radio stations across the country into over 150 communities and was the first time a Queensland Premier ever visited the island.

The festival was held during the 2000 Olympics in part as a celebration for the people of Palm Island but also because two years earlier it was claimed

to be the 'most dangerous place outside of a war zone' by the Guinness Book of Records, which was not true.

We attracted news organisations from across the world because they were here for the Olympics and we changed many attitudes – and in 2001, the lovely town of Palm Island was no longer listed in the Guinness Book of Records.

Well done to Chairman of the Island at the time Robert Blackley who took a risk and made it happen, despite most saying it never would – Kieran still thinks of it as his proudest achievement.



ABOVE: Kieran's autographed poster of the event;
BELOW: the 4K1G crew interviewing very famous people!



**Palm Island Rubbish Collection
Mondays to Thursdays**



Bins out by 8am

REMEMBER! **BE COVIDSAFE**

No more than 30 at a private house or event at one time on Palm Island or face big fines. Be Covid safe for all of us!

TWO BIG STEPS

PALM ISLAND COMMUNITY COMPANY PRESENTS:

**BWGCOLMAN
TALENT
SHOW**

13 OCTOBER 2020

YOUTH & CHILDREN EVENT !!

VIDEO ENTRY ONLY !!!

A TALENT SHOW IS AN EVENT IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS PERFORM THE ARTS OF SINGING, DANCING, LIP-SYNCING, ACTING, TICK-TOCKS, PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT, POETRY, COMEDY OR OTHER ACTIVITIES TO SHOWCASE TALENT.

GREAT PRIZES. FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE .FAMILY EVENT

WHERE & WHEN: 6PM - 13/10/2020 PCYC



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Friday, 2 October, 9.00am - 4.00pm
PCYC Building
Main Street, Palm Island

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PO BOX 7200, Cairns QLD 4870

Please ensure you have provided all your information and proof of identity (photo ID) to the Stolen Wages Information Centre before 5.00pm on 9 October 2020

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